



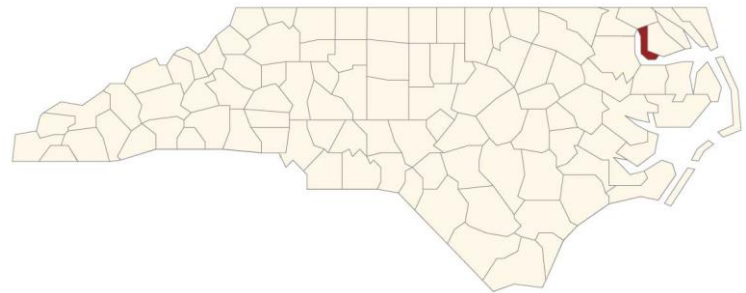
On February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama. ARRA provides increased support to several existing federal programs administered by states, creates new programs such as the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund, and offers opportunities for states to apply for competitive grant programs.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's significant investment in North Carolina totaled almost \$19.5 billion, including assistance for those needing help the most through increases in unemployment benefits, Medicaid payments, and food stamps. In addition to those expanded services, ARRA gives hundreds of thousands of working North Carolinians a break through tax credits like the *Making Work Pay* tax credit and the *First Time Homebuyer's* tax credit.

The Recovery Act is not like earlier attempts to revive the nation's economy. It is not only a one-time infusion of federal funds; instead it is a long-term effort to restore economic expansion in the short-term, as well as prepare the nation's economy for stable, healthy long-term growth. Under the terms of the Recovery Act, support for North Carolina's economy will include both investments made directly by the federal government and investments of federal funds that are made under the oversight of the North Carolina state government.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Report, Chowan County

Chowan County received more than \$21.8 million in ARRA funding in grants, loans, and bonds. The following report outlines the various funding categories that contributed to the Chowan County total.



Water/Sewer Grants:

1



Small Business Jobs:

17



Appliances rebated:

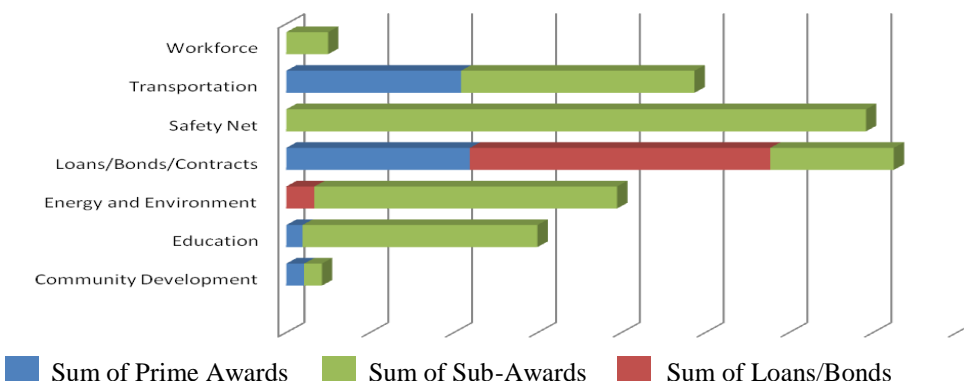
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Family homes financed:

13

Chowan County Totals



Chowan County,
pop 14,793 at a glance:

Recovery Act Totals:
Grants: \$17,976,936
Loans: \$3,917,068

Total: \$21,894,004



Education

The Recovery Act placed a special emphasis on maintaining education funding. Governor Beverly Perdue furthered this commitment by pledging additional recovery funds from the Recovery Act to education, and leading North Carolina to additional funds by winning \$400 million in the Race to the Top program.

Most of the ARRA education funds are distributed to local schools through existing funding formulas. Special Education Funds and Title I funds go to schools based on eligible student enrollment. State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) and the EduJobs grants were designed to hold schools harmless during the recession, and were distributed to public and charter schools. The school systems have spent the majority of the funds on staff and support. Some projects, such as Race to the Top, will be spent for purchasing products and services rather than salaries for staff.

Authorization for low/no interest bonds for school construction/renovation followed the Department of Public Instruction procedures with initial allotments to the school systems. If a school system could not utilize their allotment, it was released to other school systems that could utilize additional allotments.

Chowan County schools received \$2.8 million in education funding, including \$498,550 in Special Education funds, \$599,711 in Title I funds, \$1.4 million in SFSF funds, and \$332,005 in Race to the Top funding.



Family Assistance

The Federal Department of Agriculture increased funding to their Single-Family home program with the ARRA. These resources assisted families in achieving the American Dream of home ownership through direct financial assistance (grants) or credit (loan guarantees). This program pumped more than \$729 million into North Carolina, providing assistance to more than 5,400 families.

In Chowan County, 13 families received assistance through this program totaling more than \$1.5 million.

The Department of Energy created the Energy Star Appliance rebate program to help stimulate the economy by incentivizing the purchase of new, more energy efficient appliances, and helping consumers by providing long-term savings from their utility bills. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce managed the program insuring North Carolina residents and retailers received the maximum benefit from this opportunity. North Carolina retailers sold more than 25,500 new energy efficiency appliances through this program, and North Carolina residents will enjoy energy savings for years to come. The program was so successful, that the State Energy Office reprogrammed additional funding to provide discounts to everyone participating in the program, bringing the total program value from \$8 up to \$10 Million.

Chowan County retailers sold 23 appliances through the Energy Star Appliance rebate program.



Small Business Assistance

The ARRA provided tax breaks, increased depreciation of business assets, and incentives for hiring for small businesses through the tax law changes found in Part B of the Act. The Recovery Act also established direct aid programs through the federal Small Business Administration (SBA) and US Department of Agriculture (USDA). These programs provided grants, loans and loan guarantees to grant small businesses access to much-needed operational credit during 2009 and 2010.

In Chowan County 1 small business received an SBA loan guarantees worth almost \$50,000. According to the small business receiving the loan, the Recovery Act saved or created 17 jobs.



CARS Program

The Car Allowance Rebate Program (CARS), more widely known as the 'Cash-for-Clunkers' program, provided an incentive for drivers of older, energy inefficient vehicles to upgrade to new cars. This program also provided a large economic impact in North Carolina, and North Carolina dealers received more than 18,000 trade-in vehicles through this program. North Carolina Car Dealers sold more than \$400,000,000 worth of new cars (recommended MSRP) through the CARS program. North Carolina drivers will save 172,130 miles per gallon through cars purchased through this program.

In Chowan County, car dealers sold 19 cars worth almost \$500,000 through the ARRA CARS program.



Environment and Natural Resources Programs

ARRA funded several programs to protect the environment, or to develop natural resources more efficiently. These programs ranged from environmental clean-up, such as leaking underground storage tank abatement and Brownfields programs, to EPA clean air grants, wildfire prevention grants, and revolving funds to build, expand, or overhaul existing water and sewer programs. These programs provided nearly \$150 million across North Carolina.

In Chowan County, the Town of Edenton received a Rural Utilities Service grant of \$335,000 for water and sewer improvements.



Green Energy Programs

One of the goals of ARRA was to provide grants to help conserve energy and assist in the development of a green economy. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce received large grants for energy conservation under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. These grants include the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG), funded at just under \$20 million, and the State Energy Plan (SEP), funded at \$70 million. The State Energy Office then used these grants to make awards to businesses, non-profits, and local governments for various purposes.

In Chowan County, the Edenton-Chowan Schools received an EECBG grant of \$200,000 to improve lighting, install insulated windows and improve heating and air conditioning systems.



Safety Net Programs

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act included approximately \$7.4 billion in defense-related appropriations. This includes funding for all service areas and the Army Corps of Engineers. Recovery Act funding addressed some of the unique economic pressures faced by American service members because of their voluntary commitment to serve our nation. The Recovery Act included assistance to service members, upgrades aimed to improve the quality of life for troops and their families, funded three new facilities, and two new VA hospitals in North Carolina, addressing critical needs across the state. In addition to providing much needed facility improvements, this bill also provides more funding for our energy research programs, so that Department of Defense (DOD) can continue to lead the way in the national effort to achieve greater energy independence. North Carolina had 103 military projects funded for a total of \$166 million.

Chowan County residents received more than \$4.5 million in Unemployment Insurance increases during the 2 ½ year ARRA benefits increase. County residents also received \$1.4 million in SNAP benefit increases, and \$969,000 in one-time payments of \$250 to social security recipients.

Chowan County received more than \$192,000 for Head Start Programs.

Chowan County Feature Story

Recovery Act Makes Improvements to State Fisheries

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act awarded \$3 billion in funding allocated for the Department of the Interior to create as many as 100,000 jobs and stimulate business activity in communities across America. The Department of the Interior invested the Recovery funding in conserving America's timeless treasures while helping working families and their communities prosper again.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service received \$280 million under ARRA. The service used this funding to complete projects that stimulate employment and economic growth in communities nationwide. One of the projects the service funded in North Carolina was renovation at the Edenton National Fish Hatchery.

The Edenton National Fish Hatchery (NFH), located in the historic port town of Edenton, North Carolina, has been producing fish for public use and restoration since the Hatchery was established in 1898. The hatchery is one of the oldest in the nation, producing fish for public use for more than a century. Edenton NFH provides fishery management assistance to National Wildlife Refuges in the Carolinas and Virginia. The hatchery employs 6 full time staff responsible for overseeing more than 25 acres of water on the 63.5 acre complex. The Hatchery includes a public aquarium, and provides technical assistance and hatchery management to fisheries in North Carolina and Virginia.



The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service contracted for more than \$320,000 in improvements to the hatchery using Recovery Act funds. These improvements were in two main projects. The first project was \$40,407 for new heating and air conditioning systems, and to make energy efficiency improvements in the hatchery's visitor center, and a building used

to house interns. The energy efficiency improvements include adding new insulation in the buildings, replacing the windows with energy efficient windows, and duct work. The improvements will lower the hatchery's utility bills.

According to Hatchery Manager, Stephen C. Jackson, "The system in the visitor center is decades old, obsolete and expensive to operate." HVAC system and energy efficiency upgrades were completed in September 2010. As a result of the upgrades, the hatchery noted a decrease in its electrical usage.

The second large project was \$280,000 to replace the pond drain lines at the hatchery. The existing drain lines for 12 of the hatchery's ponds were 55 years old, and had become obstructed. Barlovento, LLC completed the replacement of the pond drain lines in spring 2011. According to Jackson, "[The new drain lines] allows us to drain our ponds at a faster rate. Previously, due to damaged lines, it was too slow, resulting in stress and mortality to the fish." The hatchery noted an increase in production capability as a result of the project.



Appendix, Chowan County breakout

Federal Agency	Program Title	Recipient name	Recipient role ⁱ	Prime Amount ⁱⁱ	Unique Sub Awards ⁱⁱⁱ	Loans	Additional Economic Activity (not counted toward totals) ^{iv}
	Bonds		P			\$0.00	
	Cash for Clunkers		S		\$78,500.00		
	Very Low to Moderate Income Housing Loans - Guaranteed	Individuals	L			\$3,574,568.00	
Administration for Children and Families	ARRA - Head Start	Economic Improvement Council, Inc.	P	\$192,860.00		\$0.00	\$192,860.00
Department of Agriculture	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	Multiple Individuals	S		\$1,444,986.50		
Department of Energy	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG)	Edenton Chowan Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	
	Weatherization Assistance for Low-Income Persons	Economic Improvement Council, Inc.	S	\$0.00	\$2,963,606.00	\$0.00	
Department of Housing and Urban Development	Public Housing Capital Fund Formula (Recovery Act Funded)	Edenton Housing Authority	P	\$212,432.00		\$0.00	\$212,432.00
Department of Labor DOI	Unemployment Insurance	Multiple Individuals	S		\$4,501,578.17		
Federal Highway Administration	Highway Planning and Construction	AR Chesson Construction Company, Inc.	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
				\$0.00		\$0.00	\$242,728.04
			SV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
		Cultural Resources, North Carolina Department Of	S	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$757,094.00
		Holland Landscaping, Inc.	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$28,488.00
		North Carolina Department Of Transportation	P	\$517,165.00		\$0.00	\$517,165.00
				\$841,215.00		\$0.00	\$84,121.00
				\$312,280.00		\$0.00	\$312,280.00
				\$337,120.00		\$0.00	\$337,120.00
				\$76,487.00		\$0.00	\$76,487.00

		Roberson Contracting, Inc.	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$282,371.10
		Rose Brothers Paving Co., Inc.	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$147,692.94
		S&D Painting, Inc	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
		Wetherill Engineering	SV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
		Williard Ferm Architects, Pa	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Food and Nutrition Service	No CFDA for Contract type awards	Jimbo's Jumbos, Inc.	P	\$438,177.60		\$0.00	\$438,177.60
				\$715,910.40		\$0.00	\$0.00
				\$715,910.40		\$0.00	\$715,910.40
Idaho Operations Office	Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program (EEARP)		P			\$0.00	\$3,375.00
National Energy Technology Laboratory	State Energy Program	Edenton, Town Of	S	\$0.00	\$30,500.00	\$0.00	
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education	Education Technology State Grants, Recovery Act	Edenton Chowan Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$245,655.55	\$0.00	
	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Education State Grants, Recovery Act	Edenton Chowan Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$1,432,817.00	\$0.00	
	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Race-to-the-Top Incentive Grants, Recovery Act	Edenton Chowan Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$332,005.00	\$0.00	
	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies, Recovery Act	Edenton Chowan Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$599,711.00	\$0.00	
Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services	Special Education Grants to States, Recovery Act	Edenton Chowan Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$498,550.00	\$0.00	
Rural Utilities Service	Water and Waste Disposal Systems for Rural Communities - ARRA	Edenton, Town Of	P	\$0.00		\$335,000.00	\$335,000.00
Small Business Administration	Loans	The Garden Shack Inc.	L			\$7,500.00	
SSA	Social Security Economic Recovery Act Payments	Multiple Individuals	P		\$969,000.00		

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	No CFDA for Contract type awards	Barlovento, L.L.C.	P	\$280,000.00		\$0.00	\$280,000.00
		S&M And Associates, Inc.	P	\$40,470.53		\$0.00	\$40,470.53
Grand Total				\$4,680,027.93	\$13,296,909.23	\$3,917,068.00	\$5,003,772.61

ⁱ Recipient Role are as follows: P is a prime recipient; S is a Sub-recipient; PV is a vendor to a prime recipient; SV is a vendor to a sub-recipient; L is a loan recipient.

ⁱⁱ Prime Amounts are unique prime awards within a county. These are entities who have received funding directly from a federal agency, and are required to report directly to www.federalreporting.gov

ⁱⁱⁱ Unique Sub Awards are amounts that flow into a county from a source that is NOT directly from a Federal Agency. Generally these are funds awarded to the North Carolina State Government that have been directed to a local source.

^{iv} Additional Economic Activity are economic activity attributable to a previous funding category. They may be a sub award by a prime recipient within a county, or a contract funded by one of the previous three columns. This economic activity is not counted toward the county total.